

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment of 6/8/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,8-11,19,21-24 and 26-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____


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Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1, 8-11, 19, 21-24 and 26-32 are indicated as allowed. The closest prior art identified in U.S. Patent 5,721,691 to Wuller et al. Claims 1, 19, 21 and 32 are independent. Claims 8-11, 19, 22-4 and 26-31 are dependent.

Claim 1: Claim 1 calls for a method of organizing information in a computer including assigning a bar code to a floor plan schematic, providing an item of observation information related to a construction defect and assigning an identification code to the item of observational information. Claim 1 has been amended to further define the scanning of the floor plan schematic, thereby creating a digital representation and associating in a table in the computer the bar code to the identification code. These amended features are not taught by Wuller et al.

Claims 8-11: Depend on claim 1.

Claim 19: Claim 19 calls for a program storage device instructions that assign an object identifier to a graphical representation, receive a request for the display of an observational information item that includes construction defect information and assign an identification code to the observational information item. Claim 19 has been amended to call for the scanning of the floor plan schematic of the building thereby creating a digital representation and associating in a table in the computer, the object identifier to the observational information item. These amended features are not taught by Wuller et al.

Claim 21: Claim 21 calls for a method for organizing information in a computer that comprises assigning an object identifier to a graphical representation, providing an item of observational information that includes location and defect information for a building and assigning an observational identifier to the observational information. Claim 21 has been

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amended to call for scanning the graphical representation to create a digital representation and associating in a table in the computer, the object identifier to the observational identifier. These amended features are not taught by Wuller et al.

Claims 22-24 and 26-31: Depend on claim 21.

Claim 32: Claim 32 calls for assigning a bar code to a graphical representation of a product, providing observational information, assigning an identification code to the observational information, where the identification code is classified into one of a plurality of defect types, and annotating the graphical representation with the identification code. The claim has been amended to call for scanning the graphical representation thereby creating a digital representation and associating in a table in the computer the bar code to the identification code. These amended features are not taught by Wuller et al.



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